

Newsletter
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Principal's Message

Hello VMS Family,

Our team competed in the Battle of Michigan basketball tournament. I spent the whole day watching our boys play, and let me be the first to say, they have game! They won the championship game, thanks to the guidance of Coach Packnett and Coach Ken. It was refreshing to see our boys, outside of school uniform, playing a game that they love.

Last week was an eventful week. We had many families represented during report card pick up on Thursday and Friday. Additionally, Dr. Atkins and Coach Denson, partnered with Dr. Collen Buggs, a local medical doctor to present a talk show/forum about diabetes awareness. Tuesday evening, Vapco hosted, Paint With a Jazzy Twist. Over 60 parents participated in canvas painting while enjoying non-alcoholic wine and eating cheese. I am looking forward to more exciting opportunities to connect with our students and their families.

With love,
Will Pickens, Principal
Voyageur Middle School

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 22
Noon Dismissal

Thursday, Nov. 23 & Friday, Nov. 24
No School – Thanksgiving Recess

Monday, November 27
School Resumes

Thursday, November 30
VMS Town Hall Celebration
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 6A, 6B, 6C, 7A, 7B
2:15-3:15 p.m. 7C, 8A, 8B, 8C

Thursday, December 14
Noon Dismissal – Staff Professional Development

Friday, December 15
Noon Dismissal – Staff Professional Development

Friday, December 22
Noon Dismissal – Office closes at 1 p.m.

December 25, 2101 – January 5, 2018
Winter Break – No School for Students & Staff

DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR WORK!

Before your youngster turns in his schoolwork, suggest one last way to make it shine: editing and proofreading.

Share these ideas to help him do his best work:

- ❖ If he's answering textbook questions, have him flip back through the chapter to double-check spellings of names and places and to verify dates.
- ❖ Be sure that the work makes sense. When your child writes up an experiment in his science journal, he should reread it to make certain that he has included all the steps and that they're in order.
- ❖ For longer assignments (stories, essays), suggest that he look for one kind of mistake at a time. He can read through once for spelling, again for capitalization, and a third time for punctuation.
- ❖ Encourage your scholar to allow at least 30 minutes between finishing an assignment and proofing it. Problems are often more obvious with a fresh eye.

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Do you believe that people who encourage thankfulness tend to be happier and healthier than those who don't? Thankful people appreciate what they have instead of obsessing over what they lack. They express gratitude to others, and often receive more gratitude in return as a result. While some people may naturally be more thankful, everyone can adopt a more thankful perspective in their own life. It may not be easy, but you'll be thankful that you made the effort!

- **Be Thankful in the Moment** - Take a moment to be thankful for your life.
- **Tell Someone You Appreciate Them.** So often life gets busy and you forget to tell people that they matter to you.
- **Talk About Gratitude with Family.** Set aside a time, like the evening meal, to talk about the things you were grateful for that day.
- **Send Thank You Notes.** A thank you note acknowledges that the person gave you something (time, effort, a gift) that they didn't have to and that you appreciate what they've done.
- **Make a Point to Say "thank you" regularly.** Thank the person who held the door for you or who helped you figure out why your phone wasn't working.

Quote of the Week:



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